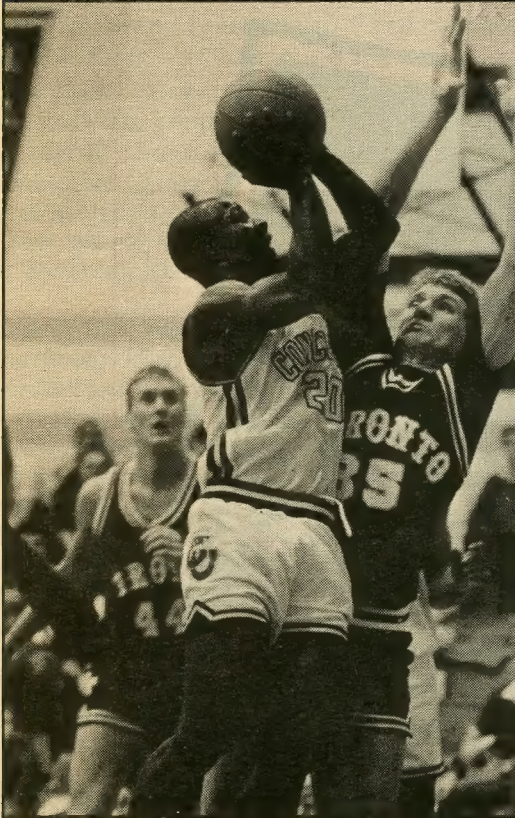


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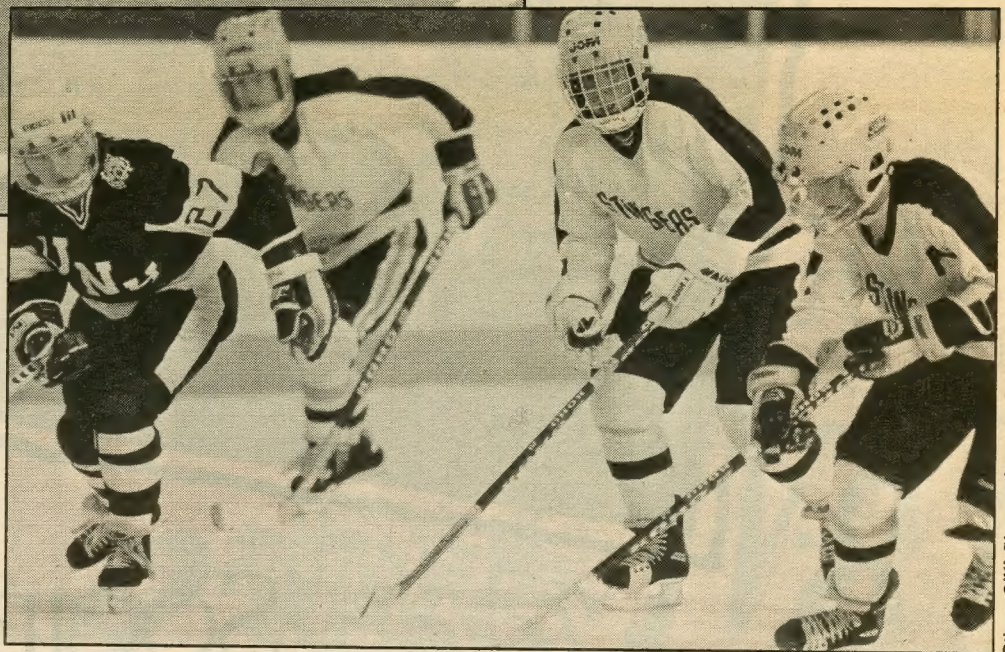


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Stingers Deserve Better

In simpler times, 1000 fans watching the Concordia Stingers Hockey team do battle with the hated McGill Redmen would have meant backslaps and handshakes all around.

It would have meant shoulder-to-shoulder craziness in the stands of Loyola Arena. The kind that would get us P.R. people all dewy-eyed about goofy campus crowds, the thrill of being there, the health of the college game and all.

Twelve years ago.

In the spring of 1976, when "Corsi and the Stingers" played by Art Walker, to the tune of Elton John's classic "Bennie and the Jets" - had them jumpin' in the aisles. There was electricity in the air. You could actually see that "carnival atmosphere" raising the roof.

The New Nemesis

Last week, in the slightly run down Loyola Arena, 1050 fans watched the Redmen outscore the Stingers 4-1 in the third to win going away. All anyone could talk about was the large crowd and the "good old days" when Sir George and Loyola once filled the Fabulous Forum. Well those schools united to form Concordia and McGill became the new nemesis.

It was two short years ago when you could count the fans at a Stinger hockey game on one hand. Sure was great to see the stands at near capacity. So what if the homeschool fans didn't have much to cheer about in the third period. It was college hockey at its best. I stopped looking at all the people and just watched the game. Listened to the boards rattle from the body checks.

I had almost forgotten. You get your money's worth out here.

The faces were different, but those were the Stingers. Up against a bigger, more skilled offensive team, the Paul Arsenault stamp was unmistakable.

It's quite possible the Stinger's might get the crowds they deserve in all the sports... one of these years.

The Attendance Resolution

Especially when Concordia's Board of Governors passes the "Attendance Resolution" put forth by the Athletic Department. Down in the good old U.S., where college sports are ingrained in your system, most schools have undivided support from their professors, students, and staff.

The board of governors of many schools passed a motion where all students must attend at least two home games of their choice or else. (i.e. their marks would be withheld). "What a novel idea." Students could choose the sport. Half way through the season- students who had yet to attend a game were given a notice letter.

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Sports Profiles

Borodow Seeks Olympic Gold

by Geoff Baker

Concordia wrestling star Andy Borodow is sitting on top of the world.

He got that way by winning a gold medal in the Espoir Division of the World Sombo Wrestling Championships, hosted by Concordia University last December. Borodow is the first Canadian to ever accomplish that feat and claims that the secret to his success is a simple one... never be satisfied with what you have.

"I was happy to win the world title," he admits, "but you also have to realize that it was only a junior (Espoir) championship and it was in Sombo wrestling which I've only been doing for about two years.

"It really isn't my style."

Borodow claims that although the temptation to allow his head to swell over the victory has been great, it would eventually distract him from his ultimate goal... winning the Olympic gold.

"My goal is to become an Olympic champion in either free style or greco-roman wrestling. It's something that will take a lot of effort and concentration on my part, so that's why I'm not going to waste my time dwelling over past accomplishments.

"It's always good to be hungry."

Just glancing at Borodow is enough to make a person believe that he is always hungry... at least in a figurative sense if not a mental one.

Standing at an even six-feet, he is a strapping 275 pound mass of humanity... the end result of countless hours in the weight room and on the mats.

"Right now, I'm only maxing about three hundred and fifty pounds on my bench press," he indicates, forming a sly, quiet grin at the corners of his mouth.

"But that's because I have an injured shoulder."

Borodow, a first-year Theology student, began wrestling five years ago when he joined the Montreal Wrestling Club headed by Canadian and Concordia coach Victor Zilberman. Within six months, he was the national champion in the Midget category and hasn't

Wrestling Team Profile

Key Returnees: Rob Dawson, 134 lbs, 24 years old, Political Science, C.I.A.U. Champion 1984 & 1988 (Current National Team Member); Chris Villeneuve, 143 lbs, 21 years old, Arts & Science, A.U.A.A. Champion 1987 & 1988. Mike Meekins, 150 lbs, 19 years old, Arts & Science, National Espoir Champion 1987 & 1988 (Current National Team Member); David Mendelsohn, 157 lbs, 21 years old, Economics, Canadian Junior Champion 1985; Tom Rebelo, 167 lbs, 22 years old, Political Science, A.U.A.A. Champion 1987 & 1988; Andy Borodow, Heavyweight, 19 years old, Theology, C.I.A.U. Champion 1988, National Senior Champion 1988, World Sombo Champion 1988 (Current National Team Member)

Key Newcomers: Anthony Merlo, 125 lbs, 18 years old, Arts & Science, National Espoir Champion; Dwayne Zacharie, 180 lbs, 19 years old, Theology, National Espoir Champion; Danny Joffe, 210 lbs, 19 years old, Theology, National Espoir Runner-up.

looked back since.

He proceeded to win several international meets over the course of the months and years that followed, but the pinnacle of Borodow's young career did not take place until he arrived at the 1987 World Espoir Championships in Vancouver, British Columbia.

During that competition, Borodow surprised a number of

knowledgeable wrestling observers by making it all the way to the finals in the unlimited weight class. Despite losing to an older wrestler from the Soviet Union, Borodow received a lot of recognition for his efforts... especially since the title match was broadcast live from coast to coast on CBC's Sports-Weekend television show.

It was learning experiences



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Concordia's Andy Borodow wins world championship

such as that which enabled Borodow to maintain his "hungry" attitude and seek better results the next time around.

"I wasn't happy about losing," he says. "The good thing about it though, is that it made me want to win even more. Hopefully, it will help me to get what I want in the future."

No Canadian wrestler has ever won a world champion-

ship or Olympic gold medal. While Borodow claims that he would be just as happy to see any one of his teammates reach that final point, one quickly gets the sense that he wants to be the first to do so.

After all, when you're sitting on top of the world it's a lot more comfortable staying there than it is to make the long trip back down again.

New Coach Sheahan Set to Build Winner

by Geoff Baker

After being named as only the third head football coach in the history of the Concordia Stingers, Pat Sheahan arrived at our school early last month with one goal in mind... to forget about the past and concentrate on the future.

At first glance, that task might not appear to be difficult. After all, the Stingers don't really have much of a past that is worth reflecting on... with only two winning seasons out of the last eleven and no playoff appearances in over three years. With records like those, even the slightest improvement would usually be enough for a new coach to win the support of those around him.

That is not quite the case this time around.

Sheahan, an assistant with the McGill Redmen since 1984, inherits a Concordia squad which placed seven players on the Ontario-Quebec Interuniversity Football Conference (O-QIFC) all-star team last season, more than any other school... despite a dismal 3-4 record.

With talent like that and some big-name stars like Mike Soles (McGill) and Leroy Blugh (Bishop's) graduating from rival O-QIFC clubs, the Stingers will undoubtedly head into 1989 as one of the conference's

top-ranked contenders.

Needless to say, Sheahan will be feeling the pressure to win... and win he must. Concordia waited more than a decade for former head coach Skip Rochette to try and do the same before he resigned last November. It is certainly doubtful that the university would exercise that amount of patience anymore.

"I can't really promise anything until we get out on the practice field and see what we've got," Sheahan indicated during an interview in mid-January. "Still, I'd have to say that now, I'm optimistic."

Optimism is reigning supreme in the Stingers' camp these days. Already, several players who were rumoured to be leaving the club after last season's failure have changed their minds and will return. Also, speculation is flying about the possibility of Larry Ring and Nick Aragki joining the coaching entourage. Ring, an assistant at McGill, will take over as Concordia's defensive co-ordinator, while former Montreal Alouettes' tight-end Aragki will be a receiving coach. (Both Ring and Aragki have since signed with the Stingers.)

"Right now, my first job is to meet with all of the returning vets and new players we hope to recruit," said Sheahan, who held a team meeting on Jan. 25. "Later, we'll be having a winter camp in late February, followed by a spring camp in April. From that,

we should get an idea of who we'll be needing once we start our regular training sessions in August."

A self-described "player's coach," Sheahan hopes to put elements such as "fun" and "communication" back into Concordia's struggling football program.

"I believe in having fun out on the football field," he says. "We should all remember that we're out there because we enjoy it. Also, if a player has a problem, I'd like him to feel that he can come to me. We're all real people with real problems and I think that I'm open enough."

Talk is fine, but Sheahan also knows that if he is to transform the Stingers' potential into points on the scoreboard, changes will have to be made.

"I'm going to run the team the way I see fit. I don't want to just come in here and uproot everything, but if I see something I don't like, I'm not going to keep doing it for tradition's sake."

After the disappointments of recent campaigns, Sheahan will undoubtedly find many areas on the team which need improvement. It will be interesting to observe how he reacts to the pressure of being placed under a virtual microscope by Concordia's football community, as they desperately seek to determine whether or not he is the man who can turn our school's pigskin fortunes around.

Women's Hockey

Stingers Sit Atop QSSF Standings

by Al Bishop

They're at it again.

The Concordia Stingers women's hockey team is sitting atop the QSSF standings with a perfect 10-0 record, 13-2 overall. To no ones surprise, Therese Brisson leads the club in all offensive categories.

Add the combined scoring punch of Laura Leslie, Nancy Moore, and Nathalie Hains (34 goals total) and you have the women's hockey equivalent to the Los Angeles Kings.

Not bad for a team lacking "experienced goaltending and an experienced defenceman," in the words of coach Les Lawton. When "inexperienced" goaltender, Sue Prosser, carries a 2.60 goals against average, it's time to stop worrying.

If lack of a seasoned defence man was also seen as a problem, why was Brisson moved up to the forward position?

"She lost her effectiveness on the point. I figured she'd help us more up front," explains Lawton. "She tried to carry the team a little bit and it was hurt-



Debbie Woods-Turner sets up Nancy Moore, 18, against UNH

ing us more than it was helping us. It was a good change."

If there's ever a disease associated with sitting in first place for too long a time, it's called complacency. "I think that's why we lost last year" Lawton rationalizes. "We took our league for granted. The games we get psyched up for are not

games in our league, and that's not good."

Perhaps one reason for a lethargic attitude toward league play is the lack of a national championship tournament at the Canadian university level. The Stingers will gain their satisfaction from competing in league playoffs, as well as a va-

riety of tournaments in Canada and the US. Concordia hosted the 21st annual Theresa Humes Invitational Tournament January 27th to 29th at Loyola.

Lawton is realistic about the day his team will be able to compete for a national championship. "I'd love to, but I don't think it will ever get to that be-

cause most universities are not willing to put enough money into their programs."

A large amount of the Stingers' success has to go to coach Lawton, a likeable and respected man who directs any mention of success to the players. Lawton's big concern centres on the lack of campus recognition his team receives.

"I don't think they get enough recognition," he says. "Anybody who makes this type of commitment deserves all the recognition in the world. They work just as hard as the guys do, something people don't realize."

Lawton and assistant coach Julie Healy both hold full-time jobs, which makes guiding the team "time consuming." But Lawton explains one of the reasons why he and Healy continue to coach.

"You get a player like Lisa Morgan. When she came to our program, she couldn't even skate, now she's one of the better players in the league. That's what makes it worthwhile, to see that improvement."

Adds Healy, "It's worth it in the end"

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Men's Hockey

Laplane & Desjardins: The French Connection Revisited

by Al Bishop

If you've ever sat down to have a conversation with Robert Desjardins and Richard Laplane, you'd be lucky to get a word in edgewise.

You see, Concordia's version of the French Connection has lots to talk about.

Laplane, a native of Boucherville, starred in the Quebec Midget AAA league before moving to the University of Vermont on an athletic scholarship. He joined the Longueuil Chevaliers of the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League in the 1986-87 season and helped his club to a birth in the Memorial Cup tournament. Last year, Laplane was the Stingers' leading scorer and was named Concordia's Male Athlete of the Year.

Desjardins' pre-Concordia hockey history is just as impressive. The 5'5" goaltender starred in the QMJHL for four seasons with four different teams, compiling a career 3.35 goals against average. His best season was in Longueuil in 1986-87, where his 3.25 GAA gave him league MVP honors. That's quite an accomplishment in a league where defence is a dirty word. Desjardins also played in three Memorial Cup tournaments.

Though the two knew each other as opponents in the Midget AAA league, their friendship solidified when they become teammates in Longueuil.

Don't get the impression that the pair like to brag about their hockey exploits. Instead, they praise each other for the Stingers' current success.

"Thank God Bob came with us," says Laplane. "He supports the defense pretty well, and that compensates for the lack of experience our defense has." Desjardins sums it up nicely when he says, "If Rich or Mark (Mahon) don't score, that's it."

When Laplane praises the All Mighty for his buddy's arrival, he's referring to the fact that Desjardins had applied to both McGill and Concordia during the summer. He chose to attend Concordia only after turning down an offer to play for the New York Rangers' farm team in

Indianapolis.

Having played at both the junior and university level, the pair find it easy to make comparisons between the two levels.

"Junior teams have more talent," according to Laplane. "On the other hand, guys here work much harder, it's more of a bump and grind game." Desjardins finds that "one of the big keys in university hockey is that they took out the red line; it compensates a bit for the lack of talent."

Lack of talent is something that Desjardins and Laplane don't suffer from. While Laplane's ability was shown last year, coach Paul Arsenault explains his rookie goaltender's importance to the team this season.

"We have a good enough team to close and Desjardins gives us that ability to beat a team that's better than us on any given night."

Throughout his career, Laplane has never had trouble putting the puck in the net. Assistant coach Yves Beaucage sees Laplane as a guy who can drive opposing teams crazy. "He's always a threat, especially if you need a clutch goal."

There's no doubt that Laplane and Desjardins, along with a handful of oth-



Stinger captain Mark Mahon has had a banner year

Mahon: Heart of the Stingers

by Al Bishop

The Concordia Stinger's men's hockey team is off to another strong start, thanks largely to the work of captain Mark Mahon. The 3rd year forward is quietly having an all-star season while leading the OUAA in scoring. His 52 points in 19 games are six more than linemate Richard Laplane.

Is Mahon surprised to be leading the league? Says Mahon "I got moved to a line with Richard Laplane and he said 'Mark, I think we can be in the top ten in scoring.' If you notice in the stats, I have a lot more assists; Rich has been finishing off for me, so I think that's the main reason I'm up there."

Mahon played three seasons in Hawkesbury at the Tier II Junior 'A' level before heading for Dalhousie University in Halifax. He returned a year later because "I wasn't really that happy in Halifax, it didn't turn out as I expected. I had

talked to Paul (coach Arsenault) the year before and knew I could always come back and try out with Concordia."

Fortunately for the Stingers' hockey program he did. Mahon has already collected more assists (41) this year than his entire points total (29) during 22 league games last year. Mahon's sudden offensive prowess can be linked to two factors;

the addition of natural goal scorer Laplane to his line, and his fine performance in last year's playoff series against McGill, when he collected 11 points in three games.

One man who has to be pleased with the emergence of Mahon is Arsenault, who's teams have been lacking strong leadership over the past few seasons. When asked to describe his captain, Arsenault pauses, then begins. "First and foremost, he's a leader, the kind of guy that always comes to play. He's consistent; he's kind of like the Bob Gainey of our team in that he's the kind of guy you can depend on to support the players, the coaches and the program."

"He's a solid citizen, a good student, a good all-around athlete and he wants to be successful. He's willing to make the sacrifice and always shows good judgement on and off the ice."

"Leadership" is the word most often used to describe Mahon's character. Assistant coach Yves Beaucage tells how Mahon has a tendency to lead by example. "His leadership showed the most early in the season. We didn't have a full lineup and we went on a trip to Ontario, and even though we lost both games, he played extremely well." Beaucage sums it up this way: He's one of the top players on this team, if not the whole league."

When asked to describe himself, Mahon shifts uncomfortably, more from the nature of the question than from the hard wooden bench he's sitting on. This is a guy who hates to talk about himself.

"I think I'm a fairly good two-way player," he says. "I guess that's how I'd describe myself." That's an understatement for a guy who's referred to as "Bob Gainey-like" and who leads the league in scoring. Mahon prefers to credit his success to others, a quality rarely found in modern-day athletes. But there is no denying how important Mahon is to his team, even if he refuses to admit it.

That's why Mark Mahon is the heart and soul of the Stingers.



Richard Laplane continues to produce for the Stingers

ers, hold the key to a successful season.

An interesting question comes to mind: if these two faced each other one-on-one on the ice, who would win? That's hard to say, but if you were within earshot, you'd probably hear them chatting and laughing about it.

And not letting anyone get a word in edgewise.

Good Luck Stingers!

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Women's Basketball

Anne-Marie Ouellet: Unsung Hero

by Geoff Baker

Anne-Marie Ouellet just might be the most important player the Concordia Women's Stingers have on their roster.

No, she's not much of a scorer, nor does she have blazing speed or tremendous leaping ability - she's just important.

"I would say that my job on this team is to be a supporter," she says. "I always have to be there. It's like that on the court and in the dressing room too. I have to get people motivated so that they can play their best."

On a club where motivation usually means the difference between a close score and getting blown out of the building, Ouellet's importance takes on a magnitude which cannot be measured on any score board.

There is a lingering pressure hovering about the Women's Stingers' camp these days — part of which the current 1988/89 squad had nothing to do with. You see, Concordia presently owns the nation's longest regular season basketball losing streak — 32 games.

Although this year's version of the team has only accounted for four of those defeats, the tension continues to increase after each loss. According to Ouellet, the situation is even more frustrating now because, she insists, the Women's Stingers are a fairly good team.

"We play in one of the toughest leagues in Canada," she insists. "If you look at the other schools we've been losing to over the past couple of years — they've all been ranked in the top-ten nationally."

Ouellet is also considerably peeved with what she feels is a lack of support for the team on the part of both the fans and the media.

"How can you expect people to come out to games if the papers are always saying 'Stingers lose 32 in a row' or Stingers are losers' and other negative things. One day, we played in a tournament the same day that McGill did. Both of us won, but only McGill got mentioned in the papers. They're really not as good as everyone thinks they are, but they control the press."

Ouellet claims that the Stingers would probably be a lot bet-

ter if they knew that they had a large contingent of fans who believed in them.

"We're our own support group right now, we don't have the spirit of Concordia behind us. If we did, then maybe things would be different."

After beginning her career in the Brookwood Basketball program in Pierrefonds, Ouellet played for two years at John Abbott before moving on to Concordia. At first, she took a year off from playing and concentrated on school. Then, after realizing she missed the sport,

coaches.

"I think that Louisa has us playing a more disciplined style. Chris was into the offensive game a lot, but Louisa tends to look at defence more. In the end, I think that defence is what helps you win."

"If we give up sixty points a game, then we know that we have a chance because we can score that many points. If we give up eighty points, then we're finished."

As for the playoffs, Ouellet feels the Stingers still have a shot... providing they start win-



Sting: Cliff Skarsted

Captain Anne-Marie Ouellet leads the Stingers

Ouellet joined the Stingers last season as a swing guard and is now one of the team's co-captains.

"There is a real feeling of excitement on the team now," reveals the 21 year-old Commerce student. "I mean, wouldn't you want to be there when this streak is broken? Right now, we're on the verge."

Ouellet played for present McGill coach Chris Hunter while with the John Abbott College Islanders. She took the time to reflect on her last two

ning now.

"We have eight games left to play and the league's really close this year, so anything can happen. We won't go anywhere though, if we don't win."

If recent games are any indication, it's only a matter of days before the streak ends. During those days however, Ouellet will have to do her utmost to keep the motivation factor alive for this Women's Stingers squad... as they try to overcome the greatest obstacle many of them have ever faced.

Men's Basketball

Silk Rules the Court

by Geoff Baker

When Mike "Silk" Cohee of the Concordia Stingers began his university basketball career four years ago, he had a lot more on his mind than just shooting hoops.

"I wanted to be an example, a role model, for other black kids to look up to," he indicates. "I wanted them to think to themselves 'hey he made it,' so that they could get the inspiration to do the same."

For swing-guard Cohee, 24, now in his second year with the Stingers, being a role model means obtaining a quality education above everything else. That is the main reason for why he first chose to attend McGill University instead of some other schools which were vying for him at the time.

Unfortunately, Cohee was a science-major and soon discovered that trying to do well both in his courses and on the basketball court was virtually impossible.

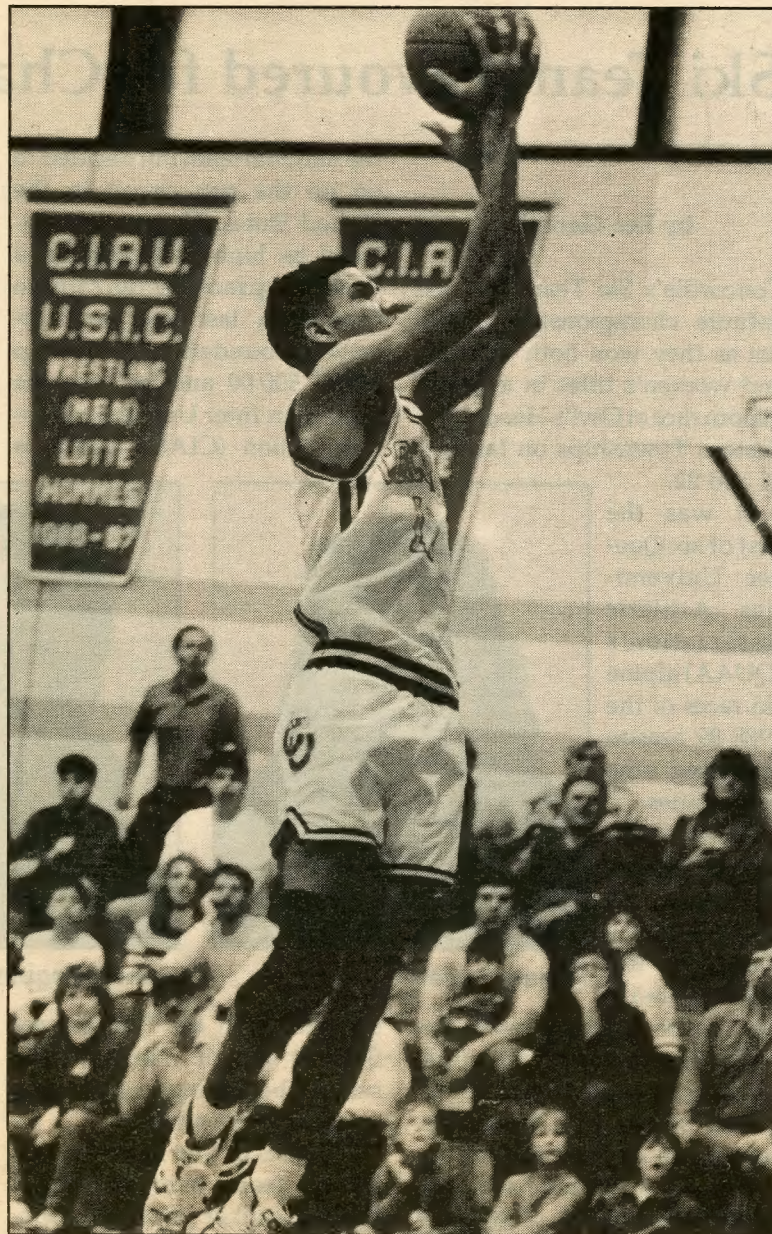
"It was extremely hard to do both," he admits. "I had always been an above eighty per cent student in high school and CEGEP so I just assumed that everything would come naturally. It didn't."

Cohee finished off his rookie season with the Redmen, then transferred over to Concordia. He also changed his major to Commerce and is only months away from obtaining his degree... a sure sign that his educational values, despite all, remain intact.

"I think that the change in schools was good for me because it helped me get myself together," he says. "It may have taken me four years to reach my goal instead of three, but at least I reached it."

On the court, Cohee's performance... especially this season, where he is second in team scoring... has been nothing short of exceptional.

"I set some individual goals for myself before the season began," reveals the Concordia club's 'senior spokesman.' "I wanted to average eighteen points and eight rebounds per game. Well, so far I'm getting sixteen points and six rebounds... which is pretty close,



Cohee having best year ever so I'm happy."

"I think my role on this team is pretty well defined. They need some experience in the backcourt and someone who can score some points. Also, I'll often be asked to cover the other team's leading scorer because my defence is good."

Cohee grew up in the city of Brossard on the South Shore and began his career at Centennial Regional High School, where he played for five years. Afterward, he attended Champlain College in St. Lambert for two years... leading the Cegep "AAA" league in scoring during the 1984-85 season.

"One good thing about choosing McGill after Cegep," he points out, "is that I found out what it was like to play on a winning team. All of my other teams before the Redmen had records which weren't too great. It was a nice change of pace despite my differences with the coach."

These days, Cohee is hoping to take the thrill of victory to its highest level in the form of a national championship... something his top-ten Stingers team



Dino Perrin's play should put Concordia on top

has a shot at. Even if they don't win it all, he claims that he will look back on his career with few regrets.

"By playing basketball, I've been able to do something that I love... fairly successfully too."

How many people in the world today are lucky enough to be able to say the same?

Perin Seeks National Title

by Geoff Baker

Dino Perin has been a winner in the past and wants to win again.

After capturing the 1987 National College Championship with the Vanier Cheetahs, Perin 20, a second-year centre, came to Concordia with only one thing in mind... winning the Canadian Interuniversity Athletics Association (CIAU) title.

He didn't succeed with that task during his first season with the Stingers... in which he averaged 14 points and 7 rebounds per game... but nevertheless, the 1988 Quebec Conference "Rookie of the Year" is now more confident than ever about his team's chances.

It wasn't always that way. In fact, there were times last fall when Perin wasn't sure about

late in the summer so I didn't know how that would affect my fall training camp."

In the end, he managed to recover quickly enough... thanks in a large way to the five days per week he spent at a therapy clinic.

"I would go to the clinic about five times per week for maybe two hours at a time," Perin claims. "When I finished, everything was back to normal."

So far this season, Perin is fourth in team scoring, averaging slightly under 15 points a game. He also has 151 rebounds and is shooting 60 per cent from the floor... both team highs.

Perin believes that his 6-foot eight-inch frame has given him a specific role to play with the Stingers.

"I'm here basically to rebound. We have a lot of other guys who can score so my job is simply to chip in whatever I can and maybe pull the team together."

Always tall as a youngster, Perin did not begin playing organized basketball until his final year at Laval Catholic High School in Chomedey. That team went on to capture the league championship... just the start of Perin's winning career. He then went on to play for two years at Vanier College... being named as a CEGEP all-star both times. In his second season, the Cheetahs staged a dramatic upset in winning the Canadian title and Perin was selected to the national-tournament all-star team.

"It was one of the best things that ever happened to me," he says. "I also think that playing in that national tournament helped my university career somewhat, because most of the guys I played against then are playing against me now too. In a way, it gives me a bit of an edge because I know what they like to do on the court."

For now, Perin has but two goals in mind when he steps onto the floor during a game.

"I want to play the best that I can, obviously," he reveals. "But I also want that national championship... nothing else really matters to me."

For winners like Perin, anything else would seem less-than-ordinary.

Women's QUAA Volleyball Tournament

Saturday, February 18, 1989, Arthur Currie Gym, McGill

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Concordia vs. McGill 12:00 p.m.
Concordia vs. Sherbrooke 2:00 p.m.

Meet the Stingers!



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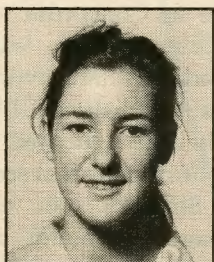
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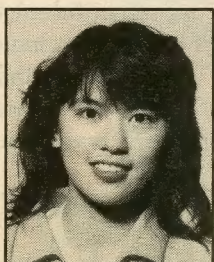
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Varsity Round-Up

Ski Team Favoured for Championship

by Leo Gervais

Concordia's Ski Team showed definite championship potential as they won both the men and women's titles in a Grand Slalom race at Owl's Head in the Eastern Townships on January 21 and 22.

It was the first of six Quebec Universities Athletic Association's (QUAA) alpine ski races of the 1988-89 season involving nine universities.

Individual women honors belonged to Rosanne Gamache, Renata Scheib, and Leslie Clement who finished first, second and ninth. On the men's side it was captain Robert Seguin and Martin Lebeau finishing third and fourth.

Seguin, a second-year economics student, is considered by many to be Concordia's best male skier. He will be trying to take the overall title from last year's QUAA Men's Individual winner Pavel Pochobradsky, who recently won the men's Grand Slalom race.

Seguin, 24, has solid credentials. At 20 he was about to join

the national team but decided to go on the pro circuit in the United States. He has also finished as high as twelfth in a World Cup race. Seguin came to Concordia last year and received a foundation scholarship for \$2,500.00 and he says the Canadian Inter University Athletic Union (CIAU) circuit is

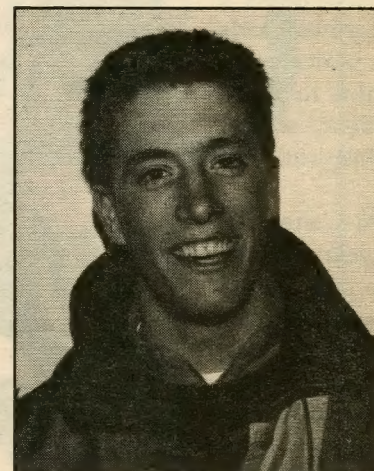
casse of Ottawa U., and former Czechoslovakian National Team member Pochobradsky bombing down the Quebec slopes it is easy to believe Seguin's assessment.

Concordia's men's ski team looks much stronger this year with the addition of Benoit Riendeau from the University of

Montreal, and Stephane Roy and Chris Klotz who competed in the Laurentian Zone and the Ontario circuit respectively. The return of last year's MVP Marc Scheib, consistent strong finisher Andre Choquet, as well as Seguin



Renata Scheib



Robert Seguin

stronger than the Professional Sealtest circuit. He sees the schools beginning to give more support to the athletes.

"It costs us a lot of money to run the ski team, over \$25,000.00. But the caliber of skiers, especially at Concordia, has improved so much that schools are starting to become more involved financially."

With skiers like rookie Gamache who captured combined honours on the Sealtest Circuit from 1983-85, past national team member Lynne La-

gives the men's team unrivaled firepower in the QUAA. It should be more than enough for them to take first place overall from the University of Quebec which won last season.

The defending provincial women's team could reach new heights with outstanding rookie Gamache, formerly of the National Team. Seasoned veterans Pascale Savard, Scheib and last year's "Female Rookie of the Year" at Concordia Leslie Clement are the backbone of arguably the best female team in the nation. The only sour note on the women's side will be the absence of former National Team member Liz Tommy who finished just behind Clement in the overall standings last year. Tommy went part-time this semester and is ineligible to ski for Concordia this season.

The races this season are being sanctioned by the Canadian Ski Association (CSA) and for the first time, skiers will be awarded CSA points based on performance. This will allow them to compare their results with European competitors since the CSA uses the international point system.

Concordia's next race will be a Slalom on January 28-29 in Rimouski. The provincial championships will be held at Val St. Come March 10-11 followed by the Can-Am University Championships at Le Relais March 17-19.

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Guest Column

by Brian Shore

Down and Out at McGill

When I first wrote that column in September 1987 in which the first three words were "I hate McGill" I had no idea the reaction would be so bizarre — stock markets fluctuated, unstable governments toppled as coups were rampant, politicians started telling the truth and people got mad at me.

In fact, McGill's football team got so mad they went out and won the national university championship that year. I would now like to humbly take credit for their accomplishment.

Very few people seemed to understand that it was not a personal attack against McGill students. I simply didn't like them.

So when I was recently asked to write a similar piece for *The Sting*, I hesitated. Hey, I'm supposed to be a so-called responsible journalist and Concordia graduate now. But still, the temptation to start off with "I still hate McGill" was compelling.

But that's not necessary.

The days of grumbling over the relative athletic successes in the never-ending rivalry between Concordia and McGill are over. It's no longer necessary to take shots at McGill because Concordia athletics are headed for a golden age in the very near future; to a large degree, at the expense of that other school.

Gone will be the generation of quiet and meek sports fans at Concordia, a distinction marking those who showed up for games during my time here. The new breed of fan will be the type to look a taunting, red and white painted McGill fan right in the eye — and spit in it. Aren't university sporting events grand?

New Coach a Steal

The most graphic example of Concordia's high expectations will appear with the first snap of the football in the autumn, when the new look Stingers kick off the season under the auspices of new coach Pat Sheahan — the architect of McGill's Vanier Cup championship in 1987.

The Sheahan acquisition, along with the addition of Larry Ring to the Concordia staff, rankled a lot of people. But it proves, once again, that all is fair in love and university rivalries.

Besides, Con U stole him fair and square.

But whether the Stingers can take the wide-open Ontario-Quebec Interuniversity Football Conference next year remains to be seen. For now, it's time to gloat over some more recent victories.

The biggest one, involving the hottest Stingers squad, was the men's basketball game Jan. 20. Doug Daigneault's run-and-gun-then-run-and-gun-some-more troops went into the Currie Gym and wiped out the Redmen 118-106.

The wins have been coming at a remarkable clip for Daigneault's boys, who have a whopping four games in hand with which to vault ahead of McGill in the standings.

As for men's hockey, it looks as though the first-round playoff match-up will again include the Stingers against the Redmen... minus assistant coach Yves Beaucage, who Concordia also grabbed at the start of the season.

Paul Arseneault's boys have dropped a pair to McGill but rumour has it the cagey coach has a few tricks up his sleeve. He is reportedly lobbying the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union to have the red line reinstated in the university game for the McGill series, which will knock Redmen centre Tim Iannone from stardom into a Pine Ave. alley, where he will sit dazed and clutching a bottle of cheap rubbing alcohol.

Saving the best for last, women's hockey is the most one-sided league in which both schools compete. The Stingers are unbeaten in nine games while the McGill Martlets are winless after nine. Nuff said.

With all this fine talent competing for the Stingers, much of it home-grown stuff - 75 per cent of Concordia athletes are from Montreal while 32 per cent of McGill jocks hail from this city - the future of Concordia athletics looks bright indeed.

So the next time a McGill engineer sidles up to you at a football game and starts a chant about how you're going to work for him someday, just remember: the world is run by C-plus students holding degrees from the University of Budapest at Los Angeles, not sheepskins from McGill.

In a couple of years, after the former McGill ruffian has had a few lean years on and off the work force, hire the poor guy.

Then spit in his eye. ■

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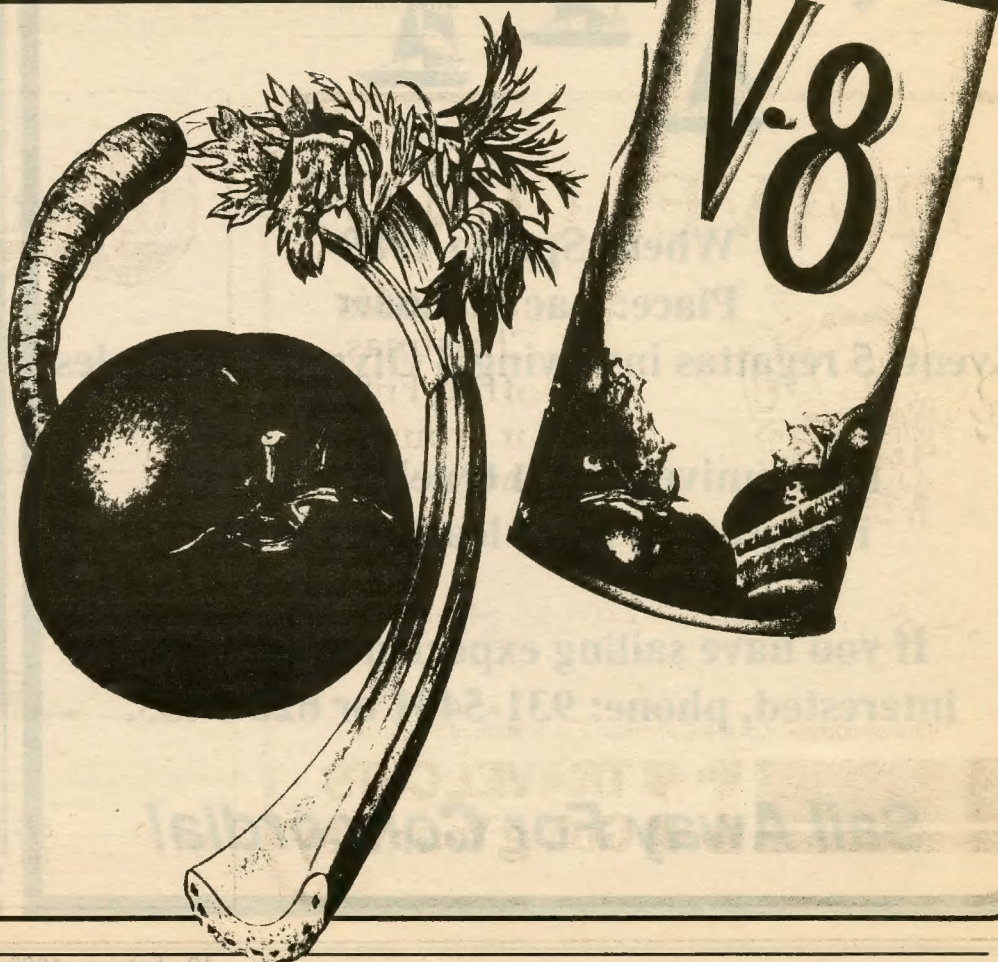
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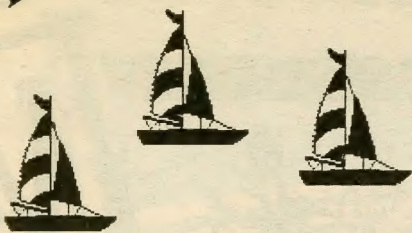


Varsity Home Schedule

February 1989

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
3:00 Men's Basketball Ryerson 1:00 Women's Basketball Laval		6:50 Women's Hockey Bishop's			7:30 Men's Hockey McGill	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	6:10 Women's Hockey Laval	Volleyball QUAA Playoffs At McGill Wrestling AUAA Championships Location TBA
		8:00 Men's Basketball McGill 7:50 Women's Hockey McGill			7:00 Women's Basketball Bishop's	Wrestling Quebec Championships Location TBA
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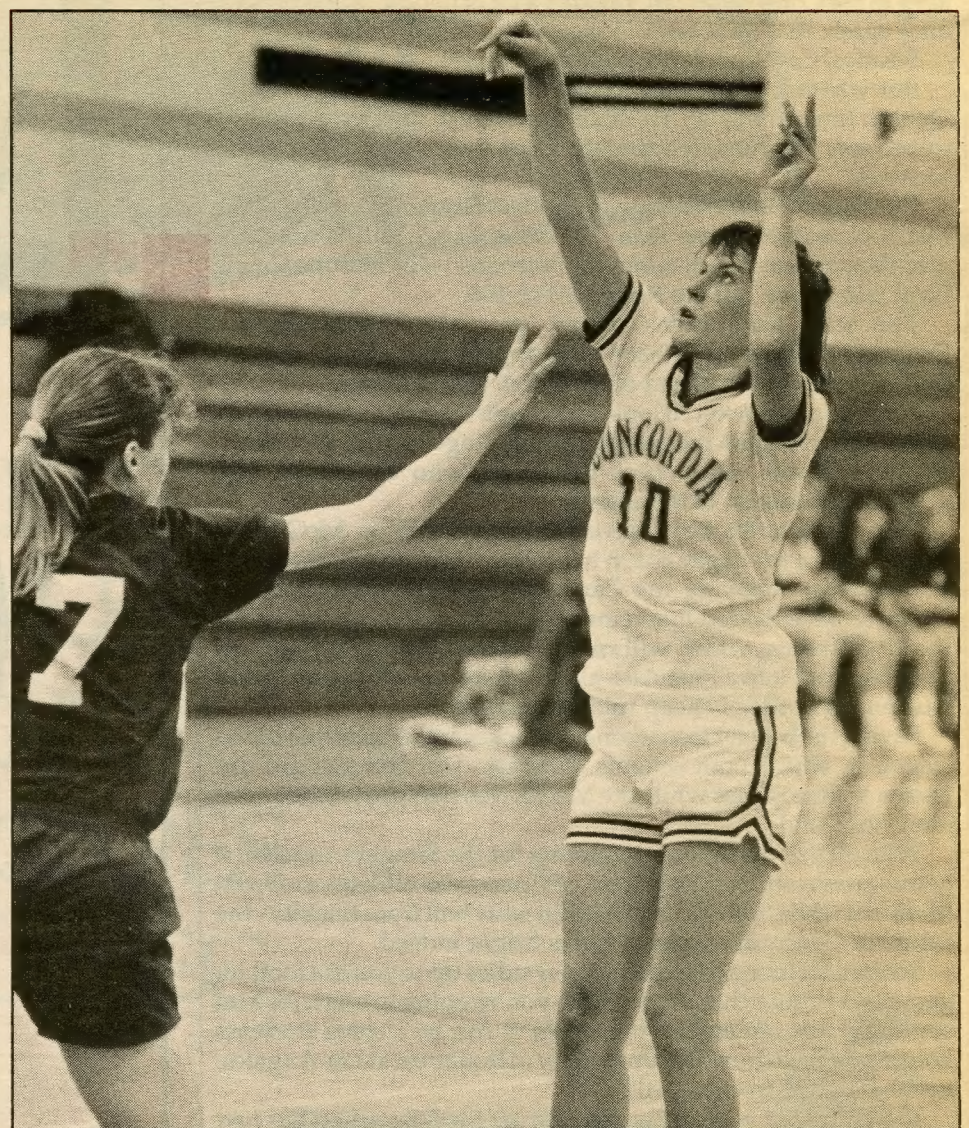
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